

RURAL DISTRICTS SHOW REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT

New Republic of Russia Is Facing Serious Trouble From Agrarians.

LANDOWNERS ARE ATTACKED

Peasants Not Willing to Wait Until War Is Ended Before Dividing Up Land—Situation May Result in Serious Crop Shortage.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, April 25.—Dispatches from Petrograd report that the revolutionary spirit is manifesting itself in the rural districts of Russia, bringing the long-standing agrarian troubles to a head. Notwithstanding the organization of food committees, which are doing their best to make the peasants understand that the land question cannot be wisely settled until the constituent assembly is elected, the peasants are inclined to take the matter into their own hands.

Soldiers visiting their rural homes, with or without leave, spread the news of the revolution, and lead the peasants against the landowners. This is chiefly the case in the Saratov government, where the people are often inclined to be turbulent. The peasants here, after passing resolutions of confiscation, have proceeded to take possession of the lands and drive the landowners away.

The peasants announced that they will undertake the spring sowing themselves, but owing to lack of seed, this is said to be impossible. In consequence, the sowing is likely to be much delayed, and a serious shortage of crops is feared. The authorities are taking the matter into their hands to prevent such a misfortune.

PEASANTS' CONFERENCES BEING ORGANIZED

Peasants' conferences, to which delegates are sent from even the smallest communes, are being organized in every province of Russia to discuss peasant needs. Those already held have insisted on a proper distribution of land. One characteristic resolution demands that all lands which private landowners cannot sell must immediately be surrendered temporarily to the peasants, soldiers' wives to receive shares free and others at moderate rates to be fixed by the local community.

Considerable disfelling is shown in some districts toward landowners. Bessarabian peasants, in one instance, sacked a country house and estates belonging to a rich family. The peasants of the Tambov government surrounded the houses of the landowners and compelled them to sign documents surrendering their lands. In many districts the peasants have taken no action, waiting for the authorities to act. In some parts of Bessarabia the country people are highly reactionary, and in one district, especially Odessa, military authorities have taken strong measures to suppress a counter-revolutionary movement.

SOLDIERS ARE TOLD TO DO THEIR DUTY

(By Associated Press) PETROGRAD, April 25 (via London). The grand committee of the Alliance of Peasants has addressed the following petition to the peasants at the front:

"Do your duty. Do not fear that the lands will be divided without you. This division cannot be made by isolated villages, for that would provoke internal quarrels, by which the enemy might profit. Only the constituent assembly, wherein you will be represented, will decide this important question."

FLEET IN READINESS TO FIGHT TO LAST

(By Associated Press) LONDON, April 25.—A Helsingfors dispatch says that the council of army and navy delegates at Sveaborg has decided to send a wireless message to the allied fleets, saying that the Baltic fleet and the army defending its base is in complete readiness to fight to the last in defense of free Russia. The message will add that the soldiers and sailors are in perfect union with their officers. This action was decided upon at a meeting attended by a delegate from the French navy, and is intended as a reply to reports circulated by German agents that the Baltic fleet was absolutely disorganized and incapable of fighting.

Dispatches from Petrograd during the last few days have reported great activity on the part of the German fleet in the Baltic. A Monday dispatch said that German transports had left Lübeck for an unknown destination. Other reports declared that the Germans were planning a land and sea attack on the rear of the Russian line at Riga, with the hope of isolating and capturing Petrograd. Sveaborg is the great Russian fortress defending the Gulf of Finland. Prior to the war it ranked with Kronstadt as a supposedly impregnable stronghold. Petrograd dispatches received here have reported an exodus of civilians from the Russian capital, under pressure of the fear of a German attack. Since the outbreak of the war Germany has made several efforts to force her way into the Northern Baltic, but each time has met with defeat.

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Real Estate Summary

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1 Hustings transfers	\$,500.00
8 Chancery deeds of trust	12,050.00
1 Hustings deed of trust	750.00
8 Chancery release deeds	30,800.00
1 Hustings release deed	3,400.10
1 Hustings deeds of trust	9,800.00

CHANCERY TRANSFERS

Davis Bros., Inc., et al., to Julian C. Anderson, 100x135 feet west line of Ordinance Avenue, 30 feet south of Brookland Boulevard, April 11, 1917; tax \$2,150.

The Real Estate Loan Deposit Company to N. B. Arnold, lots 2, 3, and 4 in block 2, in Virginia Place; also lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in block 3, same plan, April 23, 1917; tax \$1,400.

R. E. Peyton, Jr., special commissioner to Arthur C. Nelson, 279x360 feet south line of Graham Street at east line of Taylor Street, April 21, 1917; tax \$1,500.

E. L. Delaney et al. to Eddie G. Spencer, 151x675 feet, known as 105 North Addison Street, April 9, 1917; tax \$1,750.

James L. Blanton et al. to Jennie Sharman, 77x150 feet, known as 215 West Clay Street, April 9, 1917; tax \$2,600.

A. S. George, special commissioner, James B. Boykin et al., lots 1-2 by 143 feet, block 117, Franklin Street, April 21, 1917; tax \$1,000.

Robert H. Tailey, executor to James T. Carnall, 29 feet 6 1/4 inches by 57 feet west line of St. Peter Street, 69 feet 8 1/2 inches north of Leigh Street, April 11, 1917; tax \$1,000.

T. E. Clarke et al. to Mary L. August, lot 19 in block 37, 37 in Highland Park, April 9, 1917; tax \$600.

HUSTINGS TRANSFER

W. J. Whitehurst et al. to Stewart M. Woodward, 31x242 feet south line of Hull Street, 79 2/3 feet west line of Hull Street, 100x120 feet west of Fourth Street, also 19 2 1/2 feet west line of Hull Street at west line of Fourth Street, also 63x19 2/3 feet west line of Fourth Street, 149 feet west line of Hull Street, May 17, 1913; tax \$1,500.

CHANCERY DEEDS OF TRUST

Howard S. Hestep et al. to Walter D. Nelson, trustee, 63x120 feet, known as 1205-7-9-11 Winder Street, April 20, 1917; tax \$2,500.

Robert G. Morris et al. to Wallace F. Brown, trustee, lot 5 in block C in Lee Park, April 19, 1917; \$1,120.

Oscar A. Johnson to Richard B. Wagner, 25 feet 1 1/4 inches by 27 3/4 feet, known as 19 2 1/2 feet west line of Fourth Street, also 63x19 2/3 feet west line of Fourth Street, 149 feet west line of Hull Street, May 17, 1913; tax \$1,500.

E. R. Richardson et al. to William T. Clegg, 10x100 feet, west line of Hull Street, 100x120 feet west of Fourth Street, also 19 2 1/2 feet west line of Hull Street at west line of Fourth Street, also 63x19 2/3 feet west line of Fourth Street, 149 feet west line of Hull Street, May 17, 1913; tax \$1,500.

John Moody et al. to William T. Clegg, president, C. P. Clegg, trustee, both of Richmond, Capital, \$100,000. Real estate business.

Richardson Coal Storage, Inc., Richmond, Eugene Robinson, president, M. M. Kratz, vice-president; C. W. Jones, treasurer—all of Richmond, Capital, \$50,000. Real estate business.

Richmond Gas Lighter Corporation, M. M. Kratz, secretary—both of Richmond, Capital, \$100,000. Coal storage business.

Peninsula Building and Investment Corporation of Newport News, New York, K. C. McCall, president, C. E. Barrett, secretary—both of Newport News, Capital, \$22,000. Building business.

Ferrum Supply Corporation, Ferrum, C. W. Nichols, president, C. E. Barrett, secretary and treasurer—both of Ferrum, Capital, \$25,000. Mercantile business.

The J. W. Clinchinst Carriage and Motor Co., Inc., New Market, Capital, \$100,000. Carriage and automobile business.

Safety Gas Lighter Corporation, George Payne, president; C. M. Arnes, secretary—both of Roanoke, Capital, \$60,000. Manufacturing business.

E. F. Schmidt & Co., Inc., Richmond, F. E. Schmidt, president, C. E. Nichols, secretary—both of Richmond, Capital, \$50,000. Real estate business.

Marssee Coal Co., Inc., Pennington Gap, John H. Stimpson, president, Middleborough, Ky.; Patrick H. Marssee, treasurer; G. C. Stimpson, secretary, Capital, \$15,000. Coal business.

The Grant Co-operative Cheese Factory Association, Inc., Grants, S. J. Hoffman, president; S. G. Thomas, secretary and treasurer—both of Grant, Capital, \$25,000. Manufacturing cheese.

Richmond Title and Abstract Co., the Richmond, William Elyson, president; S. H. Elyson, secretary—both of Richmond, Capital, \$50,000. Title insurance business.

Erwin Knobell Mills, Inc., Big Stone Gap, H. G. Morrison, president; F. M. Kelly, secretary—both of Johnson City, Tenn., Capital, \$10,000. Knitting mills.

Virginia-Carolina Securities Corporation, Richmond, A. W. Jennings, president; Thomas W. Rawles, secretary and treasurer, Suffolk, Capital, \$600.

Buchanan Coal Co., Inc., Honaker, M. D. Nunnelly, trustee, to Rose N. Harris et al., 30x125 feet west line of Thirty-fourth Street, between M. and N. Streets, April 23, 1917; \$3,540.

Henry M. Taylor, trustee, to Coleman Washington, lots 1-3 by 100 feet southwest corner Franklin and Fifth Streets, March 29, 1917; \$15,150.

Wherry & Nickels, trustees, to Andrew B. Redmond, 33 1/2 by 160 feet south line of Main Street, 20 feet east of Meadow Street, April 23, 1917; \$2,500.

Stuart Johnson, trustee, to Joseph M. Skinner et al., 30x57 feet, known as 602-603 St. Peter Street, April 4, 1917; \$1,500.

H. A. McCurdy, trustee, to Mary F. Belme, 20x57 feet, known as 602-604 St. Peter Street, April 14, 1917; \$2,604.

J. J. Leake et al., trustees, to R. H. Davis, lots 4 and 5 in block 2 in Oak Park, April 25, 1917; \$2,475.

HENRICO RELEASE DEEDS

Howard Sutton, trustee, to Ellen Ford, 35 1/2 acres six miles from Richmond, on Hungry Road, April 21, 1917; \$1,650.

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A. G. Allison to C. E. Steinmann, trustee, 23 1/2 acres near Fair Oaks Station, April 12, 1917; \$2,500.

John W. Peeler et al. to E. Hale Phillips, trustee, 22 acres on Deep Rock Road, April 23, 1917; \$2,500.

Amelia E. Hart et al. to Le Roy E. Brown, trustee, 52 acres on the Darbytown Road and lot 1 at Floyd Avenue and Mulberry Street, Richmond, April 23, 1917; \$2,800.

Elmore J. Norrell et al. to S. W.

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